

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

TAIL FOR ATTACHING THE TRAILING EDGE
OF ONE ROLL OF TAPE TO THE LEADING EDGE OF
ANOTHER ROLL OF TAPE AND METHOD OF USING SAME

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A tape splicing mechanism joins the tail of one tape to the leading edge of another tape. A frame defines a passageway along which the tape passes. A pair of arms rotatably attached to the frame have projecting posts and rotate between a first position where the posts are closer to the pathway and a second position where they are further from the pathway. The arms are urged toward the first position and a catch mechanism holds them in the second position until released by a release mechanism when a release indicia in the first tape passes. The leading edge of the second tape is looped around the first tape to form a loose knot and is tied to the post on each side of the first tape. When the arms are released they move to the second position and tighten the knot.

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